THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) As per terms & conditions prescribed for appointment of whole time directors of public sector banks, the executives are required to submit returns of assets and liabilities on first assuming office and thereafter on the first day of April every year to the Central Government in prescribed forms. These declarations *inter alia* include immovable property owned, acquired or inherited by the executives or held by them on lease or mortgage either in his own name or in the name of any members of his family. These returns are scrutinised and kept on record for future reference in case any enquiry/proceeding related to disproportionate increase in the assets of any executive is taken up.

As these returns are required to be submitted regularly every year, follow up action are taken as indicated above and in case of non-receipt, steps are taken for submission/rectification of the returns.

Investment ceiling on divested PSUs

2732. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to put an investment ceiling on divested public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the ceiling will be on a uniform basis or it will be decided on the merit of each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Scheme for Duty Free Imports

2733. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have notified a scheme for duty-free imports of inputs and material by the developers of the special economic zones;

(b) whether any committee has been constituted to approve of the merits;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any guidelines have been formulated for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (e) In August, 2002 the Government has issued two notifications (No. 82/2002-Customs and 39/2002-Central Excise both dated 13.8.2002), allowing the facility of duty free imports/procurement of goods to the developers of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for the purpose of development, construction and maintenance of SEZs. The import/procurement of goods is subject to approval by an inter-ministerial Committee. For the purpose of availing the benefit of above notifications, the developers of the SEZ are required to make an application to the concerned Development Commissioner for approval of the list of goods proposed to be imported/procured duty free. The Development Commissioner is required to process the same and place the list before the aforesaid Committee for approval of such duty-free imports/procurement.

Detailed guidelines have been laid down by the Government in this behalf.

Norms for Lending to Agriculture

2734. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has relaxed the norms for priority sector lending to agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether lending to agriclinics and agribusiness centers would under the revised guidelines qualify as direct loans to the agricultural sector; and